

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 22ND OCTOBER 2017

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WELCOME TO OUR INCLUSIVE, CHURCH FAMILY

St Michael & All Angels is a church where people are called to come together to explore the mystery of God's love. All of us, without exception, are called by God. A special welcome to all visitors and newcomers. May God bless you this day and every day. Please help yourself to a *Welcome Pack* before you leave.

THE THRESHOLD RE-SEARCH PARTY

In order to attempt to understand the needs of our community and how the church might respond in the light of the Threshold Project, a re-search party is being recruited. This group will interview key organisations / office holders to glean important local knowledge. Michael Taylor has agreed to facilitate this work and will ask various members of the congregation to help him in this task. Please take the flyer away with you.

CHURCH CONGREGATION AND RELATED MATTERS

Attendance levels have dropped in recent months. Whilst I take responsibility for leading the church into growth, I believe that we have a shared responsibility regarding the health and welfare of our parish. I am asking for help in order to seek out those who may be ill or disillusioned. Let me know if they would like to be visited. Please gather people around you and share the good things that are happening at church—the Threshold Project, the FairPlay network, the Eco-Church group. Our church is for everyone, non-churchgoers alike. Let's make St Michael's the focus of conversation.

We also need to be realistic and honest about what we give to the church in order to support its work in the future. Please seek to review the amount that you give.

COMMEMORATION SERVICE FOR ALL SOULS'

At 6.30pm in church on Sunday, 5th November. The choir will be joining us for this service. As in past years, please write the name of those you would like to be remembered on the sheet of paper provided in church.

POPPY KNITTERS NEEDED FOR REMEMBRANCE

In an attempt to make Remembrance Sunday and the War Memorial more accessible, woollen poppies are being made to drape over the hedge on Banbury Road. We hope that these poppies will attract more people to the act of Remembrance on Sunday 12th November in the church hall gardens.

FOOD BANK DRIVER NEEDED

needed once a month: Is there anyone who is able to transport our Food Bank donations from St Michael's up to the Food Bank?

This involves collecting the box contents and taking it up to St Francis Church, Hollow Way, Cowley on either a Tuesday or a Friday.

You would need to be free to do this around midday/lunchtime. Please contact Clare Weiner (maryclarew@mac.com) or a churchwarden if you are able to help

ECO CHURCH TEAM MEETING

26th November (Christ the King) we will meet to agree on responsibilities and hopefully find out who are green champion is!

WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

Comments from those in the know!

"...the emphasis on God as love and faith as a journey. "

SUNDAYS

8.00 am Holy Eucharist
Traditional Language

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

1st Sunday of the month:

All-Age Family Eucharist

5th Sunday of the month:

Rotation with partnership churches

6.30pm Contemplative Prayer
In the Lady Chapel

WEEKDAYS

Silent Prayer
9.00am

Morning Prayer
9.30am

Holy Eucharist

Thursdays 10.00am

1st Thursday of the month: Healing - the laying on of hands and anointing.

Adult Choir Practice

Thursdays 6.30-7.45pm

Contact Steve Allen - 07717 852020

Men's Breakfast

1st Saturday of the month

Contact Steve Hunter - 01865 552475

For information on courses

Contact Gavin - 01865 556079

FOR CHILDREN

'Children's Church' on Sunday

meets in the vestry during

10.00am Parish Eucharist (term time only)

Godly Play

every 4th Sunday

at 10am with a crèche provided

St Michael's Choristers Age 3+

practise Thursdays in church

in term-time at 5.30 pm and sing on the

1st Sunday of the month

Contact Alice - 07791 328108

Baby & Toddler Group

Tuesdays 10.00 - 12.00 noon

Play for children and chat for carers

Contact Juliet - 01865 552640



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Lord, teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; let your good Spirit lead me on level ground. (Psalm 143: 10)

COLLECT

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO Matthew 22: 15-22

'Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Purest and Highest (Stanford)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

NEXT WEEK: NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Readings: Colossians 3: 12-17 / Matthew 24: 30-35

8am - Celebrant & Preacher: Nicholas Bradbury

10am - Celebrant & Preacher: William Whyte



The Threshold Project

Building a place of welcome
for the local community

THE WIVES FELLOWSHIP

The Wives Fellowship is an ecumenical organisation throughout Britain for Christian women aiming to uphold the Christian ideals of fellowship, marriage and family life. Our activities are spiritual, intellectual and social.

The Oxford branch meets in St. Andrew's Church, Linton Road on Monday afternoons in University term time at 2 p.m. for a talk lasting 45 minutes to an hour followed by tea and fellowship/chat This term's meetings include a talk on Schools in China, Drove Roads in Oxfordshire, God's trees, Woodturning, Writing, and Christmas at Blenheim

If you would be interested in coming to a meeting to sample a meeting and then hopefully to join us we would be delighted. Please contact Catherine Dobson on 01865 515436 or dobsoncatherine1@gmail.com

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